

Excerpt from S.52 passed by the 2005 Vermont Legislature

* * * V. Efficiency Standards * * *

* * * Commercial Building Energy Standards * * *

Sec. 12. COMMERCIAL BUILDING ENERGY STANDARDS

(a) The department of public service is directed to develop a proposal for statewide commercial building energy standards (CBES), after consulting with the following:

- (1) Efficiency Vermont;
- (2) Burlington Electric Department;
- (3) Vermont Gas Systems;
- (4) the commercial building design community;
- (5) the commercial building development and construction community; and
- (6) other interested persons.

(b) No later than January 31, 2006, the commissioner of public service shall recommend to the legislature guidelines for the content of a statewide commercial building energy standard. The standard will recommend energy efficiency standards for commercial building systems including:

- (1) Lighting;
- (2) Heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) equipment;
- (3) Building envelope (wall, roof and floor insulation, windows, doors, cellar);
- (4) Motors;
- (5) Transformers;
- (6) Controls;
- (7) Water usage and hot water.

(c) These guidelines shall be consistent with the requirements of federal law that all states have a statewide commercial energy code that meets or exceeds the efficiency level of ASHRAE 90.1-2001.

(d) The commissioner will work closely with the International Code Council (ICC) and the New Buildings Institute (NBI), as well as other code support agencies, to develop the code in a way that is appropriate for the state.